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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Current indications of Agency initiative (as distinct from individual, private initiative) to lick "the language problem" and to equip officers to deal effectively in foreign languages include plans to provide intensive basic language training at Headquarters during the coming year for TWO persons in Chinese, ONE person in Russian, THREE persons in Persian, NO persons in Arabic, and NO persons in anything else except French and German, a few. A couple of persons will be given advanced Chinese at Yale, two persons will be given Moroccan Arabic at Georgetown, and one person Indonesian at FSI. X

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Discussions between are expected to lead to a detail by FE to OTR of a for about one year. is a political scientist with extensive experience in and knowledge of general knowledge of the Far East, Southeast Asia and South Asia.

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2. Monthly Roundtable meets this week, Friday. NSA is host. Next meeting is to be sponsored by the Air Force and Syracuse University at Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y., 4-6 October.

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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

FROM : Acting Deputy for Language Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Eight students in the Voluntary Language Training Program French 301 seminar took the French Proficiency tests, written and oral. All eight have now received notification of language awards, four for specialized or comprehensive maintenance at the Intermediate or High level, one for comprehensive achievement at the Intermediate level and three for specialized achievement at the Intermediate or High level.

2. The 20-week full-time Basic Spoken French course ended Friday 22 August. With seven students, it was the largest class ever to complete the course.

3. The Chinese full-time class is spending this week at [] accompanied by Dr. [] and Mr. and Mrs. William [] also are spending several days there with them. This class will complete its course early in September.

4. [] is away on annual leave and will return 15 September. [] will be on annual leave from 2 to 22 September.

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1. Attendance in Moscow-Peking Axis - RS #1 has held up very well to date, with an average of 25 a day. [] have shared the LAS responsibility to date. Dr. [] and [] have all participated effectively as guest specialists. Members of the class have shown a very high degree of interest and enthusiasm. 25X1
2. We have decided to test out an idea for drawing a much larger number of dependents to our Americans Abroad Orientations. Chief deterrents have been the baby-sitting and parking problems. Hence we shall run a "Saturday Special" following our [] - AAO #10 the week of 15 September. This will be a condensed seven-hour briefing, compared to the full-time course of 15 hours. Preliminary TO and supervisor reactions have been highly encouraging, on the basis that husbands can be detailed as baby-sitters and plenty of parking space will be available. If the experiment is successful, we shall extend it to other areas including those (like WE) where interest in the AAO's has been negligible because employees are said to be briefed adequately at the desk. 25X1
3. The September OTR Bulletin will carry a full description of Free Europe - Current Problems Seminar #1 - scheduled for the coming winter - which will be the first advanced seminar, for GS-13's and above. This type of course was unanimously approved last winter at the [] conferences on area training, and has been enthusiastically supported by senior personnel of WE, EE, and IO. The two cycles of three meetings each will concentrate on problems in two broad fields of general interest to the profession, such as: impact of nuclear weapons developments on Free European public opinion and government policies; considerations of national differences in living and working with Europeans; and strengths and vulnerabilities of the communist parties. Consensus of our contacts in the divisions is that success of this effort will depend on our obtaining nationally-acknowledged experts to lead the discussions.

4. Thirty people took proficiency tests last week in Polish, Serbian, Spanish, German and French.
5. Fifty-three certifications for language awards were sent to the registrar the past week.
6. The Polish, Norwegian, and Czech tests were revised.



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